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Exhibit "A"

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Wednesday, January 11, 2007

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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5 IN RE: THE IMPANELMENT)
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7 OF GRAND JURY PANELS 07-1 AND)
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11 BEFORE THE HONORABLE LARRY ALAN BURNS
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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14 REPORTER'S PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
15 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007
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1 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007-9:30 A.M.

2 THE COURT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU HAVE BEEN
3 SELECTED TO SIT ON THE GRAND JURY. IF YOU'LL STAND AND RAISE
4 YOUR RIGHT HAND, PLEASE.

5 MR. HAMRICK: DO YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, SOLEMNLY
6 SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT YOU SHALL DILIGENTLY INQUIRE INTO AND
7 MAKE TRUE PRESENTMENT OR INDICTMENT OF ALL MATTERS AND THINGS
8 AS SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU IN CHARGE OR OTHERWISE COME TO YOUR
9 KNOWLEDGE TOUCHING YOUR GRAND JURY SERVICE; TO KEEP SECRET THE
10 COUNSEL OF THE UNITED STATES, YOUR FELLOWS AND YOURSELVES; NOT
11 TO PRESENT OR INDICT ANY PERSON THROUGH HATRED, MALICE OR ILL
12 WILL; NOR LEAVE ANY PERSON UNREPRESENTED OR UNINDICTED THROUGH
13 FEAR, FAVOR, OR AFFECTION, NOR FOR ANY REWARD, OR HOPE OR
14 PROMISE THEREOF; BUT IN ALL YOUR PRESENTMENTS AND INDICTMENTS
15 TO PRESENT THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE
16 TRUTH, TO THE BEST OF YOUR SKILL AND UNDERSTANDING?

17 IF SO, ANSWER, "I DO."

18 (ALL GRAND JURORS ANSWER AFFIRMATIVELY)

19 THE COURT: ALL JURORS HAVE TAKEN THE OATH AND
20 ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY.

21 IF YOU'LL HAVE A SEAT. WE ARE NEARLY COMPLETED WITH
22 THIS PROCESS.

23 I AM OBLIGATED BY THE CONVENTION OF THE COURT AND
24 THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE YOU A FURTHER CHARGE
25 REGARDING YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS GRAND JURORS. THIS WILL

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1 APPLY NOT ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SWORN, BUT THE REST OF
2 YOU WHOSE NAMES HAVE NOT YET BEEN CALLED, YOU ARE GOING TO BE
3 PUT IN RESERVE FOR US.

4 AND IF DISABILITIES OCCUR -- I DON'T MEAN IN A
5 PHYSICAL SENSE, BUT PEOPLE MOVE OR SITUATIONS COME UP WHERE
6 SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN SWORN IN TODAY ARE RELIEVED,
7 YOU WILL BE CALLED AS REPLACEMENT GRAND JURORS. SO THESE
8 INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO ALL WHO ARE ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY.

9 NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN IMPANELED AND SWORN AS A
10 GRAND JURY, IT'S THE COURT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSTRUCT YOU ON
11 THE LAW WHICH GOVERNS YOUR ACTIONS AND YOUR DELIBERATIONS AS
12 GRAND JURORS.

13 THE FRAMERS OF OUR FEDERAL CONSTITUTION DETERMINED
14 AND DEEMED THE GRAND JURY SO IMPORTANT TO THE ADMINISTRATION
15 OF JUSTICE THAT THEY INCLUDED A PROVISION FOR THE GRAND JURY
16 IN OUR BILL OF RIGHTS.

17 AS I SAID BEFORE, THE 5TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED
18 STATES CONSTITUTION PROVIDES, IN PART, THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE
19 HELD TO ANSWER FOR A CAPITAL OR OTHERWISE INFAMOUS CRIME
20 WITHOUT ACTION BY THE GRAND JURY.

21 WHAT THAT MEANS IN A VERY REAL SENSE IS YOU'RE THE
22 BUFFER BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S POWER TO CHARGE SOMEONE WITH A
23 CRIME AND THAT CASE GOING FORWARD OR NOT GOING FORWARD.

24 THE FUNCTION OF THE GRAND JURY, IN FEDERAL COURT AT
25 LEAST, IS TO DETERMINE PROBABLE CAUSE. THAT'S THE SIMPLE

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1 FORMULATION THAT I MENTIONED TO A NUMBER OF YOU DURING THE
2 JURY SELECTION PROCESS. PROBABLE CAUSE IS JUST AN ANALYSIS OF
3 WHETHER A CRIME WAS COMMITTED AND THERE'S A REASONABLE BASIS
4 TO BELIEVE THAT AND WHETHER A CERTAIN PERSON IS ASSOCIATED
5 WITH THE COMMISSION OF THAT CRIME, COMMITTED IT OR HELPED
6 COMMIT IT.

7 IF THE ANSWER IS YES, THEN AS GRAND JURORS YOUR
8 FUNCTION IS TO FIND THAT THE PROBABLE CAUSE IS THERE, THAT THE
9 CASE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED, AND IT SHOULD MOVE FORWARD. IF
10 CONSCIENTIOUSLY, AFTER LISTENING TO THE EVIDENCE, YOU SAY "NO,
11 I CAN'T FORM A REASONABLE BELIEF EITHER THAT A CRIME WAS
12 COMMITTED OR THAT THIS PERSON HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, THEN
13 YOUR OBLIGATION, OF COURSE, WOULD BE TO DECLINE TO INDICT, TO
14 TURN THE CASE AWAY AND NOT HAVE IT GO FORWARD.

15 A GRAND JURY CONSISTS OF 23 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
16 DRAWN AT RANDOM. I'VE USED THE TERM "INFAMOUS CRIME." AN
17 INFAMOUS CRIME, UNDER OUR LAW, REFERS TO A SERIOUS CRIME WHICH
18 CAN BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT BY MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THE
19 PROSECUTORS WILL PRESENT FELONY CASES TO THE GRAND JURY.
20 MISDEMEANORS, UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THEY HAVE DISCRETION TO
21 CHARGE ON THEIR OWN. AND THEY'RE NOT -- THOSE CHARGES --
22 MISDEMEANORS AREN'T ENTITLED TO PRESENTMENT BEFORE A GRAND
23 JURY.

24 BUT ANY CASE THAT CARRIES A PENALTY OF A YEAR OR
25 MORE MUST BE PRESENTED TO -- ACTUALLY, MORE THAN A YEAR. A

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1 YEAR AND A DAY OR LONGER MUST BE PRESENTED TO A GRAND JURY.

2 THE PURPOSE OF THE GRAND JURY, AS I MENTIONED, IS TO
3 DETERMINE WHETHER THERE'S SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY A
4 FORMAL ACCUSATION AGAINST A PERSON.

5 IF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS -- AND I DON'T MEAN
6 THIS IN A DISPARAGING WAY. BUT IF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS,
7 INCLUDING AGENTS AS WELL AS THE FOLKS THAT STAFF THE U.S.
8 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WERE NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT CHARGES TO AN
9 IMPARTIAL GRAND JURY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EVIDENCE WAS
10 SUFFICIENT, THEN OFFICIALS IN OUR COUNTRY WOULD BE FREE TO
11 ARREST AND BRING ANYONE TO TRIAL NO MATTER HOW LITTLE EVIDENCE
12 EXISTED TO SUPPORT THE CHARGE. WE DON'T WANT THAT. WE DON'T
13 WANT THAT.

14 WE WANT THE BURDEN OF THE TRIAL TO BE JUSTIFIED BY
15 SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, EVIDENCE THAT CONVINCES YOU OF PROBABLE
16 CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A CRIME PROBABLY OCCURRED AND THE PERSON
17 IS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE.

18 NOW, AGAIN, I MAKE THE DISTINCTION YOU DON'T HAVE TO
19 VOTE ON ULTIMATE OUTCOMES. THAT'S NOT UP TO YOU. YOU CAN BE
20 ASSURED THAT IN EACH CASE, YOU INDICT THE PERSON WHO WILL BE
21 ENTITLED TO A FULL SET OF RIGHTS AND THAT THERE WILL BE A JURY
22 TRIAL IF THE PERSON ELECTS ONE. THE JURY WILL HAVE TO PASS ON
23 THE ACCUSATION ONCE AGAIN USING A MUCH HIGHER STANDARD OF
24 PROOF, PROOF BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.

25 AS MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY, YOU, IN A VERY REAL

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1 SENSE, STAND BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ACCUSED. IT'S
2 YOUR DUTY TO SEE THAT INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED ONLY AGAINST
3 THOSE WHOM YOU FIND PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE ARE GUILTY AND
4 TO SEE TO IT THAT THE INNOCENT ARE NOT COMPELLED TO GO TO
5 TRIAL OR EVEN COMPELLED TO FACE AN ACCUSATION.

6 IF A MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY IS RELATED BY BLOOD OR
7 MARRIAGE OR KNOWS OR SOCIALIZES TO SUCH AN EXTENT AS TO FIND
8 HIMSELF OR HERSELF IN A BIASED STATE OF MIND AS TO THE PERSON
9 UNDER INVESTIGATION OR ALTERNATIVELY YOU SHOULD FIND YOURSELF
10 BIASED FOR ANY REASON, THEN THAT PERSON SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE
11 IN THE INVESTIGATION UNDER QUESTION OR RETURN THE
12 INDICTMENT.

13 ONE OF OUR GRAND JURORS, MS. GARFIELD, HAS RELATIVES.
14 THAT -- OBVIOUSLY, MS. GARFIELD, IF YOUR SON OR YOUR HUSBAND
15 WAS EVER CALLED IN FRONT OF THE GRAND JURY, THAT WOULD BE A
16 CASE WHERE YOU WOULD SAY, "THIS IS JUST TOO CLOSE. I'M GOING
17 TO RECUSE MYSELF FROM THIS PARTICULAR CASE. NO ONE WOULD
18 IMAGINE THAT I COULD BE ABSOLUTELY IMPARTIAL WHEN IT COMES TO
19 MY OWN BLOOD RELATIVES."

20 SO THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF SITUATIONS THAT I REFER TO
21 WHEN I TALK ABOUT EXCUSING YOURSELF FROM A PARTICULAR GRAND
22 JURY DELIBERATION. IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO
23 THE FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY, WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL,
24 FOR WHATEVER REASON, THAT YOU WANT TO BE EXCUSED FROM GRAND
25 JURY DELIBERATIONS ON A PARTICULAR CASE OR CONSIDERATION OF A

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1 PARTICULAR MATTER IN WHICH YOU FEEL YOU'RE BIASED OR YOU MAY
2 HAVE A CONFLICT.

3 THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT IF YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY,
4 YOU SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, IT
5 DOES MEAN THAT IF YOU HAVE A FIXED STATE OF MIND BEFORE YOU
6 HEAR EVIDENCE EITHER ON THE BASIS OF FRIENDSHIP OR BECAUSE YOU
7 HATE SOMEBODY OR HAVE SIMILAR MOTIVATION, THEN YOU SHOULD STEP
8 ASIDE AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN THAT PARTICULAR GRAND JURY
9 INVESTIGATION AND IN VOTING ON THE PROPOSED INDICTMENT. THIS
10 IS WHAT I MEANT WHEN I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT BEING FAIR-MINDED.

11 ALTHOUGH THE GRAND JURY HAS EXTENSIVE POWERS,
12 THEY'RE LIMITED IN SOME IMPORTANT RESPECTS.

13 FIRST, THESE ARE THE LIMITATIONS ON YOUR SERVICE:
14 YOU CAN ONLY INVESTIGATE CONDUCT THAT VIOLATES THE FEDERAL
15 CRIMINAL LAWS. THAT'S YOUR CHARGE AS FEDERAL GRAND JURORS, TO
16 LOOK AT VIOLATIONS OR SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL
17 LAW.

18 YOU ARE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY, AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
19 WHICH VIOLATES STATE LAW, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
20 IS OUTSIDE OF YOUR INQUIRY. IT MAY HAPPEN AND FREQUENTLY DOES
21 HAPPEN THAT SOME OF THE CONDUCT THAT'S UNDER INVESTIGATION BY
22 THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY ALSO VIOLATES STATE LAW. AND THIS IS
23 FINE. THAT'S PROPER. BUT THERE ALWAYS HAS TO BE SOME FEDERAL
24 CONNECTION TO WHAT IS UNDER INVESTIGATION OR YOU HAVE NO
25 JURISDICTION.

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1 THERE'S ALSO A GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATION ON THE SCOPE OF
2 YOUR INQUIRIES AND THE EXERCISE OF YOUR POWERS. YOU MAY
3 INQUIRE ONLY INTO FEDERAL OFFENSES COMMITTED IN OUR FEDERAL
4 DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES; THAT
5 IS, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

6 YOU MAY HAVE CASES THAT IMPLICATE ACTIVITIES IN
7 OTHER AREAS, OTHER DISTRICTS, AND THERE MAY BE SOME EVIDENCE
8 OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH WHAT GOES ON HERE
9 THAT'S ALSO HAPPENING ELSEWHERE. THERE ALWAYS HAS TO BE A
10 CONNECTION TO OUR DISTRICT.

11 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, WE HAVE 93 DISTRICTS
12 NOW. THE STATES ARE CUT UP LIKE PIECES OF PIE, AND EACH
13 DISTRICT IS SEPARATELY DENOMINATED, AND EACH DISTRICT HAS
14 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN COUNTIES AND GEOGRAPHY. AND YOU,
15 TOO, ARE BOUND BY THAT LIMITATION.

16 I'VE GONE OVER THIS WITH A COUPLE OF PEOPLE. YOU
17 UNDERSTOOD FROM THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THAT A COUPLE OF
18 PEOPLE WERE EXCUSED, I THINK THREE IN THIS CASE, BECAUSE THEY
19 COULD NOT ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU.

20 BUT IT'S NOT FOR YOU TO JUDGE THE WISDOM OF THE
21 CRIMINAL LAWS ENACTED BY CONGRESS; THAT IS, WHETHER OR NOT
22 THERE SHOULD BE A FEDERAL LAW OR SHOULD NOT BE A FEDERAL LAW
23 DESIGNATING CERTAIN ACTIVITY IS CRIMINAL IS NOT UP TO YOU.
24 THAT'S A JUDGMENT THAT CONGRESS MAKES.

25 AND IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THAT JUDGMENT MADE BY

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1 CONGRESS, THEN YOUR OPTION IS NOT TO SAY "WELL, I'M GOING TO
2 VOTE AGAINST INDICTING EVEN THOUGH I THINK THAT THE EVIDENCE
3 IS SUFFICIENT" OR "I'M GOING TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF EVEN THOUGH
4 THE EVIDENCE MAY BE INSUFFICIENT." INSTEAD, YOUR OBLIGATION
5 IS TO CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMAN OR ADVOCATE FOR A CHANGE IN THE
6 LAWS, BUT NOT TO BRING YOUR PERSONAL DEFINITION OF WHAT THE
7 LAW OUGHT TO BE AND TRY TO IMPOSE THAT THROUGH APPLYING IT IN
8 A GRAND JURY SETTING.

9 FURTHERMORE, WHEN YOU'RE DECIDING WHETHER TO INDICT
10 OR NOT TO INDICT, YOU SHOULDN'T BE CONCERNED WITH PUNISHMENT
11 THAT ATTACHES TO THE CHARGE. I THINK I ALSO ALLUDED TO THIS
12 IN THE CONVERSATION WITH ONE GENTLEMAN. JUDGES ALONE
13 DETERMINE PUNISHMENT. WE TELL TRIAL JURIES IN CRIMINAL CASES
14 THAT THEY'RE NOT TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE MATTER OF PUNISHMENT
15 EITHER. YOUR OBLIGATION AT THE END OF THE DAY IS TO MAKE A
16 BUSINESS-LIKE DECISION ON FACTS AND APPLY THOSE FACTS TO THE
17 LAW AS IT'S EXPLAINED AND READ TO YOU.

18 THE CASES WHICH YOU'LL APPEAR WILL COME BEFORE YOU
19 IN VARIOUS WAYS. FREQUENTLY, PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED DURING OR
20 SHORTLY AFTER THE COMMISSION OF AN ALLEGED CRIME. AND THEN
21 THEY'RE TAKEN BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE, WHO HOLDS A
22 PRELIMINARY HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER INITIALLY THERE'S
23 PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A PERSON'S COMMITTED A CRIME.

24 ONCE THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE, HE
25 OR SHE WILL DIRECT THAT THE ACCUSED PERSON BE HELD FOR ACTION

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1 BY THE GRAND JURY. REMEMBER, UNDER OUR SYSTEM AND THE 5TH
2 AMENDMENT, TRIALS OF SERIOUS AND INFAMOUS CRIMES CAN ONLY
3 PROCEED WITH GRAND JURY ACTION. SO THE DETERMINATION OF THE
4 MAGISTRATE JUDGE IS JUST TO HOLD THE PERSON UNTIL THE GRAND
5 JURY CAN ACT. IT TAKES YOUR ACTION AS A GRAND JURY BEFORE THE
6 CASE CAN FORMALLY GO FORWARD. IT'S AT THAT POINT THAT YOU'LL
7 BE CALLED UPON TO CONSIDER WHETHER AN INDICTMENT SHOULD BE
8 RETURNED IN A GIVEN CASE.

9 OTHER CASES MAY BE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE UNITED
10 STATES ATTORNEY OR AN ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY BEFORE
11 AN ARREST IS MADE. BUT DURING THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION
12 OR AFTER AN INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED, THERE'S TWO WAYS
13 THAT CASES GENERALLY ENTER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS: THE
14 REACTIVE OFFENSES WHERE, AS THE NAME IMPLIES, THE POLICE REACT
15 TO A CRIME AND ARREST SOMEBODY. AND THOSE CASES WILL THEN BE
16 SUBMITTED TO YOU AFTER MUCH OF THE FACTS ARE KNOWN. AND THEN
17 THERE'S PROACTIVE CASES, CASES WHERE MAYBE THERE'S A SUSPICION
18 OR A HUNCH OF WRONGDOING. THE FBI MAY BE CALLED UPON TO
19 INVESTIGATE OR SOME OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY, AND THEY MAY NEED
20 THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GRAND JURY IN FACILITATING THAT
21 INVESTIGATION.

22 THE GRAND JURY HAS BROAD INVESTIGATORY POWERS. YOU
23 HAVE THE POWER TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR RECORDS OR
24 FOR PEOPLE TO APPEAR. SOMETIMES IT HAPPENS THAT PEOPLE SAY "I
25 DON'T HAVE TO TALK TO YOU" TO THE FBI, AND THEY REFUSE TO TALK

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1 TO THE AUTHORITIES. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, ON OCCASION,
2 THE FBI MAY GO TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY AND SAY, "LOOK, YOU NEED
3 TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE. SUMMON THIS PERSON IN FRONT
4 OF THE GRAND JURY." SO IT MAY BE THAT YOU'RE CALLED UPON TO
5 EVALUATE WHETHER A CRIME OCCURRED AND WHETHER THERE OUGHT TO
6 BE AN INDICTMENT. YOU, IN A VERY REAL SENSE, ARE PART OF THE
7 INVESTIGATION.

8 IT MAY HAPPEN THAT DURING THE COURSE OF AN
9 INVESTIGATION INTO ONE CRIME, IT TURNS OUT THAT THERE IS
10 EVIDENCE OF A DIFFERENT CRIME THAT SURFACES. YOU, AS GRAND
11 JURORS, HAVE A RIGHT TO PURSUE THE NEW CRIME THAT YOU
12 INVESTIGATE, EVEN CALLING NEW WITNESSES AND SEEKING OTHER
13 DOCUMENTS OR PAPERS OR EVIDENCE BE SUBPOENAED.

14 NOW, IN THAT REGARD, THERE'S A CLOSE ASSOCIATION
15 BETWEEN THE GRAND JURY AND THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE
16 INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. UNLIKE THE
17 U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OR THOSE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, THE
18 GRAND JURY DOESN'T HAVE ANY POWER TO EMPLOY INVESTIGATORS OR
19 TO EXPEND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES.

20 INSTEAD, YOU MUST GO BACK TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY AND
21 ASK THAT THOSE THINGS BE DONE. YOU'LL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE
22 U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN YOUR INVESTIGATION OF CASES. IF ONE
23 OR MORE GRAND JURORS WANT TO HEAR ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE ON A
24 CASE OR THINK THAT SOME ASPECT OF THE CASE OUGHT TO BE
25 PURSUED, YOU MAY MAKE THAT REQUEST TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY.

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1 IF THE U.S. ATTORNEY REFUSES TO ASSIST YOU OR IF YOU
2 BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. ATTORNEY IS NOT ACTING IMPARTIALLY, THEN
3 YOU CAN TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH ME. I'M THE ASSIGNED JURY
4 JUDGE, AND I WILL BE THE LIAISON WITH THE GRAND JURIES.

5 YOU CAN USE YOUR POWER TO INVESTIGATE EVEN OVER THE
6 ACTIVE OPPOSITION OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY. IF THE
7 MAJORITY OF YOU ON THE GRAND JURY THINK THAT A SUBJECT OUGHT
8 TO BE PURSUED AND THE U.S. ATTORNEY THINKS NOT, THEN YOUR
9 DECISION TRUMPS, AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE THAT
10 INVESTIGATION PURSUED IF YOU BELIEVE IT'S NECESSARY TO DO SO
11 IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.

12 I MENTION THESE THINGS TO YOU AS A THEORETICAL
13 POSSIBILITY. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS IN MY EXPERIENCE HERE
14 IN THE OVER 20 YEARS IN THIS COURT, THAT KIND OF TENSION DOES
15 NOT EXIST ON A REGULAR BASIS, THAT I CAN RECALL, BETWEEN THE
16 U.S. ATTORNEY AND GRAND JURIES. THEY GENERALLY WORK TOGETHER.
17 THE U.S. ATTORNEY IS GENERALLY DEFERENTIAL TO THE GRAND JURY
18 AND WHAT THE GRAND JURY WANTS.

19 IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU WILL AND DO
20 HAVE AN INVESTIGATORY FUNCTION AND THAT THAT FUNCTION IS
21 PARAMOUNT TO EVEN WHAT THE U.S. ATTORNEY MAY WANT YOU TO DO.

22 IF YOU, AS I SAID, BELIEVE THAT AN INVESTIGATION
23 OUGHT TO GO INTO OTHER AREAS BOTH IN TERMS OF SUBJECT MATTER,
24 BEING A FEDERAL CRIME, AND GEOGRAPHICALLY, THEN YOU AS A GROUP
25 CAN MAKE THAT DETERMINATION AND DIRECT THE INVESTIGATION THAT

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1 WAY.

2 SINCE THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HAS THE DUTY OF
3 PROSECUTING PERSONS CHARGED WITH THE COMMISSION OF FEDERAL
4 CRIMES, SHE OR ONE OF HER ASSISTANTS -- BY THE WAY, THE U.S.
5 ATTORNEY IN OUR DISTRICT IS MS. CAROL LAM -- SHE OR ONE OF HER
6 ASSISTANTS WILL PRESENT THE MATTERS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS
7 DESIRES TO HAVE YOU CONSIDER. THE ATTORNEY WILL EDUCATE YOU
8 ON THE LAW THAT APPLIES BY READING THE LAW TO YOU OR POINTING
9 IT OUT, THE LAW THAT THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES WAS VIOLATED.
10 THE ATTORNEY WILL SUBPOENA FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE YOU SUCH
11 WITNESSES AS THE LAWYER THINKS ARE IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY TO
12 ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE AND ALLOW YOU TO DO YOUR FUNCTION,
13 AND ALSO ANY OTHER WITNESSES THAT YOU MAY REQUEST THE ATTORNEY
14 TO CALL IN RELATION TO THE SUBJECT MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION.

15 REMEMBER THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GRAND JURY
16 FUNCTION AND THAT OF THE TRIAL JURY IS THAT YOU ARE NOT
17 PRESIDING IN A FULL-BLOWN TRIAL. IN MOST OF THE CASES THAT
18 YOU APPEAR, THE LAWYER FOR THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO
19 BRING IN EVERYBODY THAT MIGHT BE BROUGHT IN AT THE TIME OF
20 TRIAL; THAT IS, EVERYBODY THAT HAS SOME RELEVANT EVIDENCE TO
21 OFFER. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BRING IN EVERYONE WHO CONCEIVABLY
22 COULD SAY SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BEAR ON THE OUTCOME. THEY'RE
23 PROBABLY GOING TO BRING IN A LIMITED NUMBER OF WITNESSES JUST
24 TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE. OFTENTIMES, THEY PRESENT A
25 SKELETON CASE. IT'S EFFICIENT. IT'S ALL THAT'S NECESSARY.

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1 IT SAVES TIME AND RESOURCES.

2 WHEN YOU ARE PRESENTED WITH A CASE, IT WILL TAKE 16
3 OF YOUR NUMBER OUT OF THE 23, 16 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY OUT
4 OF THE 23, TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM. YOU CAN'T DO BUSINESS
5 UNLESS THERE'S AT LEAST 16 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY PRESENT
6 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANY BUSINESS. IF FEWER THAN 16 GRAND
7 JURORS ARE PRESENT EVEN FOR A MOMENT, THEN THE PROCEEDINGS OF
8 THE GRAND JURY MUST STOP. YOU CAN NEVER OPERATE WITHOUT A
9 QUORUM OF AT LEAST 16 MEMBERS PRESENT.

10 NOW, THE EVIDENCE THAT YOU WILL HEAR NORMALLY WILL
11 CONSIST OF TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES AND WRITTEN DOCUMENTS. YOU
12 MAY GET PHOTOGRAPHS. THE WITNESSES WILL APPEAR IN FRONT OF
13 YOU SEPARATELY. WHEN A WITNESS FIRST APPEARS BEFORE YOU, THE
14 GRAND JURY FOREPERSON WILL ADMINISTER AN OATH. THE PERSON
15 MUST SWEAR OR AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH. AND AFTER THAT'S BEEN
16 ACCOMPLISHED, THE WITNESS WILL BE QUESTIONED.

17 ORDINARILY, THE U.S. ATTORNEY PRESIDING AT THE --
18 REPRESENTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THE GRAND JURY SESSION
19 WILL ASK THE QUESTIONS FIRST. THEN THE FOREPERSON OF THE
20 GRAND JURY MAY ASK QUESTIONS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GRAND
21 JURY MAY ASK QUESTIONS, ALSO.

22 I USED TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF THE GRAND JURY. I'LL
23 TELL YOU WHAT I WOULD DO IS FREQUENTLY I'D ASK THE QUESTIONS;
24 AND THEN I'D SEND THE WITNESS OUT AND ASK THE GRAND JURORS IF
25 THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS THEY WANTED ME TO ASK. AND THE

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1 REASON I DID THAT IS THAT I HAD THE LEGAL TRAINING TO KNOW
2 WHAT WAS RELEVANT AND WHAT MIGHT BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE
3 DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE WAS PROBABLE CAUSE.

4 A LOT OF TIMES PEOPLE WILL SAY, "WELL, HAS THIS
5 PERSON EVER DONE IT BEFORE?" AND WHILE THAT MAY BE A RELEVANT
6 QUESTION, ON THE ISSUE OF PROBABLE CAUSE, IT HAS TO BE
7 ASSESSED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE
8 EVIDENCE OF THIS OCCASION OF CRIME THAT'S ALLEGED MUST BE
9 ADEQUATE WITHOUT REGARD TO WHAT THE PERSON HAS DONE IN THE
10 PAST. I WOULDN'T WANT THAT QUESTION ANSWERED UNTIL AFTER THE
11 GRAND JURY HAD MADE A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE WAS
12 ENOUGH EVIDENCE.

13 SO WHEN I APPEARED IN FRONT OF THE GRAND JURY, I'D
14 TELL THEM "YOU'LL GET YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED, BUT I'D LIKE YOU
15 TO VOTE ON THE INDICTMENT FIRST. I'D LIKE YOU TO DETERMINE
16 WHETHER THERE'S ENOUGH EVIDENCE BASED ON WHAT'S BEEN
17 PRESENTED, AND THEN WE'LL ANSWER IT." I DIDN'T WANT TO
18 PREJUDICE THE GRAND JURY. THERE MAY BE SIMILAR CONCERNS THAT
19 COME UP. NOW, THE PRACTICES VARY AMONG THE ASSISTANT U.S.
20 ATTORNEYS THAT WILL APPEAR IN FRONT OF YOU.

21 ON OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANY
22 RISK THAT MIGHT PREJUDICE THE PROCESS, I WOULD ALLOW THE GRAND
23 JURY TO FOLLOW UP THEMSELVES AND ASK QUESTIONS. A LOT OF
24 TIMES, THE FOLLOW-UPS ARE FACTUAL ON DETAILED MATTERS. THAT
25 PRACTICE WILL VARY DEPENDING ON WHO IS REPRESENTING THE UNITED

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1 STATES AND PRESENTING THE CASE TO YOU. THE POINT IS YOU HAVE
2 THE RIGHT TO ASK ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR TO ASK THAT THOSE
3 QUESTIONS BE PUT TO THE WITNESS.

4 IN THE EVENT A WITNESS DOESN'T SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND
5 ENGLISH, THEN ANOTHER PERSON WILL BE BROUGHT INTO THE ROOM.
6 OBVIOUSLY, THAT WOULD BE AN INTERPRETER TO ALLOW YOU TO
7 UNDERSTAND THE ANSWERS. WHEN WITNESSES DO APPEAR IN FRONT OF
8 THE GRAND JURY, THEY SHOULD BE TREATED COURTEOUSLY. QUESTIONS
9 SHOULD BE PUT TO THEM IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. THE QUESTIONS
10 SHOULD NOT BE HOSTILE.

11 IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT WHETHER IT'S PROPER TO ASK A
12 PARTICULAR QUESTION, THEN YOU CAN ASK THE U.S. ATTORNEY WHO'S
13 ASSISTING IN THE INVESTIGATION FOR ADVICE ON THE MATTER. YOU
14 ALONE AS GRAND JURORS DECIDE HOW MANY WITNESSES YOU WANT TO
15 HEAR. WITNESSES CAN BE SUBPOENAED FROM ANYWHERE IN THE
16 COUNTRY. YOU HAVE NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

17 HOWEVER, PERSONS SHOULD NOT ORDINARILY BE SUBJECTED
18 TO DISRUPTION OF THEIR DAILY LIVES UNLESS THERE'S GOOD REASON.
19 THEY SHOULDN'T BE HARASSED OR ANNOYED OR INCONVENIENCED.
20 THAT'S NOT THE PURPOSE OF THE GRAND JURY HEARING, NOR SHOULD
21 PUBLIC FUNDS BE EXPENDED TO BRING WITNESSES UNLESS YOU BELIEVE
22 THAT THE WITNESSES CAN PROVIDE MEANINGFUL, RELEVANT EVIDENCE
23 WHICH WILL ASSIST IN YOUR DETERMINATIONS AND YOUR
24 INVESTIGATION.

25 ALL WITNESSES WHO ARE CALLED IN FRONT OF THE GRAND

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1 JURY HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. THESE INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE
2 RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE
3 ANSWER TO A QUESTION MIGHT INCRIMINATE THEM AND THE RIGHT TO
4 KNOW THAT ANYTHING THEY SAY MIGHT BE USED AGAINST THEM.

5 THE U.S. ATTORNEYS ARE CHARGED WITH THE OBLIGATION,
6 WHEN THEY'RE AWARE OF IT, OF ADVISING PEOPLE OF THIS RIGHT
7 BEFORE THEY QUESTION THEM. BUT BEAR THAT IN MIND.

8 IF A WITNESS DOES EXERCISE THE RIGHT AGAINST
9 SELF-INCRIMINATION, THEN THE GRAND JURY SHOULD NOT HOLD THAT
10 AS ANY PREJUDICE OR BIAS AGAINST THAT WITNESS. IT CAN PLAY NO
11 PART IN THE RETURN OF AN INDICTMENT AGAINST THE WITNESS. IN
12 OTHER WORDS, THE MERE EXERCISE OF THE PRIVILEGE AGAINST
13 SELF-INCRIMINATION, WHICH ALL OF US HAVE AS UNITED STATES
14 RESIDENTS, SHOULD NOT FACTOR INTO YOUR DETERMINATION OF
15 WHETHER THERE'S PROBABLE CAUSE TO GO FORWARD IN THIS CASE.
16 YOU MUST RESPECT THAT DETERMINATION BY THE PERSON AND NOT USE
17 IT AGAINST THEM.

18 IT'S AN UNCOMMON SITUATION THAT YOU'LL FACE WHEN
19 SOMEBODY DOES CLAIM THE PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION.
20 THAT'S BECAUSE USUALLY AT THE TIME A PERSON IS SUBPOENAED, IF
21 THERE'S A PROSPECT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO CLAIM THE PRIVILEGE,
22 THE U.S. ATTORNEY IS PUT ON NOTICE OF THAT BEFOREHAND EITHER
23 BY THE PERSON HIMSELF OR HERSELF OR MAYBE A LAWYER
24 REPRESENTING THE PERSON.

25 IN MY EXPERIENCE, MOST OF THE TIME THE U.S. ATTORNEY

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1 WILL NOT THEN CALL THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU BECAUSE IT WOULD
2 BE TO NO EFFECT TO CALL THEM AND HAVE THEM ASSERT THEIR 5TH
3 AMENDMENT PRIVILEGE. BUT IT SOMETIMES DOES COME UP. IT
4 SOMETIMES HAPPENS. SOMETIMES THERE'S A QUESTION OF WHETHER
5 THE PERSON HAS A BONA FIDE PRIVILEGE AGAINST
6 SELF-INCRIMINATION. THAT'S A MATTER FOR THE COURT TO
7 DETERMINE IN ANCILLARY PROCEEDINGS. OR THE U.S. ATTORNEY MAY
8 BE UNAWARE OF A PERSON'S INCLINATION TO ASSERT THE 5TH. SO IT
9 MAY COME UP IN FRONT OF YOU. IT DOESN'T ALWAYS COME UP.

10 AS I MENTIONED TO YOU IN MY PRELIMINARY REMARKS,
11 WITNESSES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE A LAWYER WITH THEM IN THE
12 GRAND JURY ROOM. THE LAW DOESN'T PERMIT A WITNESS SUMMONED
13 BEFORE THE GRAND JURY TO BRING THE LAWYER WITH THEM, ALTHOUGH
14 WITNESSES DO HAVE A RIGHT TO CONFER WITH THEIR LAWYERS DURING
15 THE COURSE OF GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION PROVIDED THE CONFERENCE
16 OCCURS OUTSIDE THE GRAND JURY ROOM.

17 YOU MAY FACE A SITUATION WHERE A WITNESS SAYS "I'D
18 LIKE TO TALK TO MY LAWYER BEFORE I ANSWER THAT QUESTION," IN
19 WHICH CASE THE PERSON WOULD LEAVE THE ROOM, CONSULT WITH THE
20 LAWYER, AND THEN COME BACK INTO THE ROOM WHERE FURTHER ACTION
21 WOULD TAKE PLACE.

22 APPEARANCES BEFORE A GRAND JURY SOMETIMES PRESENT
23 COMPLEX LEGAL PROBLEMS THAT REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE OF LAWYERS.
24 YOU'RE NOT TO DRAW ANY ADVERSE INFERENCE IF A WITNESS DOES ASK
25 TO LEAVE THE ROOM TO SPEAK TO HIS LAWYER OR HER LAWYER AND

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1 THEN LEAVES FOR THAT PURPOSE.

2 ORDINARILY, NEITHER THE ACCUSED OR ANY WITNESS ON
3 THE ACCUSED'S BEHALF WILL TESTIFY IN THE GRAND JURY SESSION.
4 BUT UPON THE REQUEST OF AN ACCUSED, PREFERABLY IN WRITING, YOU
5 MAY AFFORD THE ACCUSED AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF
6 YOU.

7 AS I'VE SAID, THESE PROCEEDINGS TEND TO BE ONE-SIDED
8 NECESSARILY. THE PROSECUTOR IS ASKING YOU TO RETURN AN
9 INDICTMENT TO A CRIMINAL CHARGE, AND THEY'LL MUSTER THE
10 EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE THAT THEY BELIEVE SUPPORTS PROBABLE
11 CAUSE AND PRESENT THAT TO YOU. BECAUSE IT'S NOT A FULL-BLOWN
12 TRIAL, YOU'RE LIKELY IN MOST CASES NOT TO HEAR THE OTHER SIDE
13 OF THE STORY, IF THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE TO THE STORY. THERE'S
14 NO PROVISION OF LAW THAT ALLOWS AN ACCUSED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO
15 CONTEST THE MATTER IN FRONT OF THE GRAND JURY.

16 IT MAY HAPPEN, AS I SAID, THAT AN ACCUSED MAY ASK TO
17 APPEAR IN FRONT OF YOU. BECAUSE THE APPEARANCE OF SOMEONE
18 ACCUSED OF A CRIME MAY RAISE COMPLICATED LEGAL PROBLEMS, YOU
19 SHOULD SEEK THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S ADVICE AND COUNSEL, IF
20 NECESSARY, AND THAT OF THE COURT BEFORE ALLOWING THAT.

21 BEFORE ANY ACCUSED PERSON IS ALLOWED TO TESTIFY,
22 THEY MUST BE ADVISED OF THEIR RIGHTS, AND YOU SHOULD BE
23 COMPLETELY SATISFIED THAT THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

24 YOU'RE NOT REQUIRED TO SUMMON WITNESSES WHICH AN
25 ACCUSED PERSON MAY WANT YOU TO HAVE EXAMINED UNLESS PROBABLE

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1 CAUSE FOR AN INDICTMENT MAY BE EXPLAINED AWAY BY THE TESTIMONY
2 OF THOSE WITNESSES.

3 NOW, AGAIN, THIS EMPHASIZES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
4 THE FUNCTION OF THE GRAND JURY AND THE TRIAL JURY. YOU'RE ALL
5 ABOUT PROBABLE CAUSE. IF YOU THINK THAT THERE'S EVIDENCE OUT
6 THERE THAT MIGHT CAUSE YOU TO SAY "WELL, I DON'T THINK
7 PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS," THEN IT'S INCUMBENT UPON YOU TO HEAR
8 THAT EVIDENCE AS WELL. AS I TOLD YOU, IN MOST INSTANCES, THE
9 U.S. ATTORNEYS ARE DUTY-BOUND TO PRESENT EVIDENCE THAT CUTS
10 AGAINST WHAT THEY MAY BE ASKING YOU TO DO IF THEY'RE AWARE OF
11 THAT EVIDENCE.

12 THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER A WITNESS IS TELLING
13 THE TRUTH IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DECIDE. NEITHER THE COURT
14 NOR THE PROSECUTORS NOR ANY OFFICERS OF THE COURT MAY MAKE
15 THAT DETERMINATION FOR YOU. IT'S THE EXCLUSIVE PROVINCE OF
16 GRAND JURORS TO DETERMINE WHO IS CREDIBLE AND WHO MAY NOT BE.

17 FINALLY, LET ME TELL YOU THIS: THERE'S ANOTHER
18 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR GRAND JURY PROCEDURE HERE AND
19 PROCEDURES YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH HAVING SERVED ON STATE
20 TRIAL JURIES OR FEDERAL TRIAL JURIES OR EVEN ON THE STATE
21 GRAND JURY; HEARSAY TESTIMONY, THAT IS, TESTIMONY AS TO FACTS
22 NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN BY THE WITNESS, BUT WHICH THE WITNESS HAS
23 BEEN TOLD OR RELATED BY OTHER PERSONS MAY BE DEEMED BY YOU
24 PERSUASIVE AND MAY PROVIDE A BASIS FOR RETURNING AN INDICTMENT
25 AGAINST AN ACCUSED.

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1 WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS IF IT'S A FULL-BLOWN TRIAL
2 WHERE THE RULES OF EVIDENCE APPLY -- AND ALL OF US ARE
3 FAMILIAR WITH THIS TERM "HEARSAY EVIDENCE." GENERALLY, IT
4 FORBIDS SOMEBODY FROM REPEATING WHAT SOMEONE ELSE TOLD THEM
5 OUTSIDE OF COURT. OH, THERE'S A MILLION EXCEPTIONS TO THE
6 HEARSAY RULE, BUT THAT'S THE GIST OF THE RULE.

7 USUALLY, WE INSIST ON THE SPEAKER OF THE WORDS TO
8 COME IN SO THAT WE CAN KNOW THE CONTEXT OF IT. THAT RULE
9 DOESN'T APPLY IN THE GRAND JURY CONTEXT. BECAUSE IT'S A
10 PRELIMINARY PROCEEDING, BECAUSE ULTIMATELY GUILT OR INNOCENCE
11 IS NOT BEING DETERMINED, THE EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS ARE
12 RELAXED. THE PROSECUTORS ARE ENTITLED TO PUT ON HEARSAY
13 EVIDENCE.

14 HOW DOES THAT PLAY OUT IN REAL LIFE? WELL, YOU'RE
15 GOING TO BE HEARING A LOT OF BORDER TYPE CASES. IT DOESN'T
16 MAKE SENSE, IT'S NOT EFFICIENT, IT'S NOT COST-EFFECTIVE TO
17 PULL ALL OF OUR BORDER GUARDS OFF THE BORDER TO COME UP AND
18 TESTIFY. WHO IS LEFT GUARDING THE BORDER, THEN?

19 WHAT THEY'VE DONE IN THE BORDER CASES IN PARTICULAR
20 IF THEY USUALLY HAVE A SUMMARY WITNESS; A WITNESS FROM, FOR
21 EXAMPLE, BORDER PATROL OR CUSTOMS WHO WILL TALK TO THE PEOPLE
22 OR READ THE REPORTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY MADE THE
23 ARREST. THAT PERSON WILL COME IN AND TESTIFY ABOUT WHAT
24 HAPPENED. THE PERSON WON'T HAVE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE, BUT
25 THEY'LL BE RELIABLY INFORMED BY THE PERSON WITH FIRST-HAND

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1 KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT OCCURRED, AND THEY'LL BE THE WITNESS BEFORE
2 THE GRAND JURY.

3 YOU SHOULD EXPECT AND COUNT ON THE FACT THAT YOU'RE
4 GOING TO HEAR EVIDENCE IN THE FORM OF HEARSAY THAT WOULD NOT
5 BE ADMISSIBLE IF THE CASE GOES FORWARD TO TRIAL, BUT IS
6 ADMISSIBLE AT THE GRAND JURY STAGE.

7 AFTER YOU'VE HEARD ALL OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE U.S.
8 ATTORNEY INTENDS TO PRESENT OR THAT YOU WANT TO HEAR IN A
9 PARTICULAR MATTER, YOU'RE THEN CHARGED WITH THE OBLIGATION OF
10 DELIBERATING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ACCUSED PERSON OUGHT TO
11 BE INDICTED. NO ONE OTHER THAN YOUR OWN MEMBERS, THE MEMBERS
12 OF THE GRAND JURY, IS TO BE PRESENT IN THE GRAND JURY ROOM
13 WHILE YOU'RE DELIBERATING.

14 WHAT THAT MEANS IS THE COURT REPORTER, THE ASSISTANT
15 U.S. ATTORNEY, ANYONE ELSE, THE INTERPRETER WHO MAY HAVE BEEN
16 PRESENT TO INTERPRET FOR A WITNESS, MUST GO OUT OF THE ROOM,
17 AND THE PROCEEDING MUST GO FORWARD WITH ONLY GRAND JURORS
18 PRESENT DURING THE DELIBERATION AND VOTING ON AN INDICTMENT.

19 YOU HEARD ME EXPLAIN EARLIER THAT AT VARIOUS TIMES
20 DURING THE PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BEFORE YOU, OTHER PEOPLE
21 MAY BE PRESENT IN THE GRAND JURY. THIS IS PERFECTLY
22 ACCEPTABLE. THE RULE THAT I HAVE JUST READ TO YOU ABOUT YOUR
23 PRESENCE ALONE IN THE GRAND JURY ROOM APPLIES ONLY DURING
24 DELIBERATION AND VOTING ON INDICTMENTS.

25 TO RETURN AN INDICTMENT CHARGING SOMEONE WITH AN

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1 OFFENSE, IT'S NOT NECESSARY, AS I MENTIONED MANY TIMES, THAT
2 YOU FIND PROOF BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. THAT'S THE TRIAL
3 STANDARD, NOT THE GRAND JURY STANDARD. YOUR TASK IS TO
4 DETERMINE WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT'S EVIDENCE, AS PRESENTED TO
5 YOU, IS SUFFICIENT TO CONCLUDE THAT THERE'S PROBABLE CAUSE TO
6 BELIEVE THAT THE ACCUSED IS GUILTY OF THE PROPOSED OR CHARGED
7 OFFENSE.

8 I EXPLAINED TO YOU WHAT THAT STANDARD MEANS. LET
9 ME, AT THE RISK OF BORING YOU, TELL YOU ONE MORE TIME.

10 PROBABLE CAUSE MEANS THAT YOU HAVE AN HONESTLY HELD
11 CONSCIENTIOUS BELIEF AND THAT THE BELIEF IS REASONABLE THAT A
12 FEDERAL CRIME WAS COMMITTED AND THAT THE PERSON TO BE INDICTED
13 WAS SOMEHOW ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMISSION OF THAT CRIME.
14 EITHER THEY COMMITTED IT THEMSELVES OR THEY HELPED SOMEONE
15 COMMIT IT OR THEY WERE PART OF A CONSPIRACY, AN ILLEGAL
16 AGREEMENT, TO COMMIT THAT CRIME.

17 TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, YOU SHOULD VOTE TO INDICT
18 WHEN THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO YOU IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO
19 WARRANT A REASONABLE PERSON TO BELIEVE THAT THE ACCUSED IS
20 PROBABLY GUILTY OF THE OFFENSE WHICH IS PROPOSED.

21 EACH GRAND JUROR HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON
22 THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION. AND ONLY AFTER ALL GRAND
23 JURORS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD SHOULD
24 YOU VOTE ON THE MATTER BEFORE YOU. YOU MAY DECIDE AFTER
25 DELIBERATION AMONG YOURSELVES THAT YOU NEED MORE EVIDENCE,

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1 THAT MORE EVIDENCE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE A VOTE IS
2 TAKEN. IN SUCH CASES, THE U.S ATTORNEY OR THE ASSISTANT U.S.
3 ATTORNEY CAN BE DIRECTED TO SUBPOENA ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS OR
4 WITNESSES FOR YOU TO CONSIDER IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR
5 DETERMINATION.

6 WHEN YOU'VE DECIDED TO VOTE, THE FOREPERSON SHOULD
7 KEEP A RECORD OF THE VOTE. THAT RECORD SHOULD BE FILED WITH
8 THE CLERK OF THE COURT. THE RECORD DOESN'T INCLUDE THE NAMES
9 OF THE JURORS OR HOW THEY VOTED, BUT ONLY THE NUMBER OF VOTES
10 FOR THE INDICTMENT. SO IT'S AN ANONYMOUS VOTE. YOU'LL KNOW
11 AMONG YOURSELVES WHO VOTED WHICH WAY, BUT THAT INFORMATION
12 DOES NOT GET CAPTURED OR RECORDED, JUST THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
13 VOTING FOR INDICTMENT.

14 IF 12 OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY AFTER
15 DELIBERATION BELIEVE THAT AN INDICTMENT IS WARRANTED, THEN
16 YOU'LL REQUEST THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A FORMAL
17 WRITTEN INDICTMENT IF ONE'S NOT ALREADY BEEN PREPARED AND
18 PRESENTED TO YOU. IN MY EXPERIENCE, MOST OF THE TIME THE U.S.
19 ATTORNEY WILL SHOW UP WITH THE WITNESSES AND WILL HAVE THE
20 PROPOSED INDICTMENT WITH THEM. SO YOU'LL HAVE THAT TO
21 CONSIDER. YOU'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE PROPOSED CHARGES ARE.

22 THE INDICTMENT WILL SET FORTH THE DATE AND THE PLACE
23 OF THE ALLEGED OFFENSE AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THE U.S.
24 ATTORNEY BELIEVES MAKES THE CONDUCT CRIMINAL. IT WILL
25 IDENTIFY THE CRIMINAL STATUTES THAT HAVE ALLEGEDLY BEEN

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1 VIOLATED.

2 THE FOREPERSON, UPON THE GRAND JURY VOTING TO RETURN
3 THE INDICTMENT, WILL THEN ENDORSE OR SIGN THE INDICTMENT,
4 WHAT'S CALLED A TRUE BILL OF INDICTMENT. THERE'S A SPACE
5 PROVIDED BY THE WORD -- OR FOLLOWED BY THE WORD "FOREPERSON."
6 THE FOREPERSON IS TO SIGN THE INDICTMENT IF THE GRAND JURY
7 BELIEVES THAT THERE'S PROBABLE CAUSE. A TRUE BILL SIGNIFIES
8 THAT 12 OR MORE GRAND JURORS HAVE AGREED THAT THE CASE OUGHT
9 TO GO FORWARD WITH PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE PERSON
10 PROPOSED FOR THE CHARGE IS GUILTY OF THE CRIME.

11 IT'S THE DUTY OF THE FOREPERSON TO ENDORSE OR SIGN
12 EVERY INDICTMENT VOTED ON BY AT LEAST 12 MEMBERS EVEN IF THE
13 FOREPERSON HAS VOTED AGAINST RETURNING THE INDICTMENT. SO IF
14 YOU'VE BEEN DESIGNATED A FOREPERSON OR AN ASSISTANT
15 FOREPERSON, EVEN IF YOU VOTED THE OTHER WAY OR YOU'RE
16 OUT-VOTED, IF THERE'S AT LEAST 12 WHO VOTED FOR THE
17 INDICTMENT, THEN YOU MUST SIGN THE INDICTMENT.

18 IF YOU WERE THE 12 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY WHO
19 VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE INDICTMENT, THEN THE FOREPERSON WILL
20 ENDORSE THE INDICTMENT WITH THESE WORDS: "NOT A TRUE BILL."
21 THEY'LL RETURN IT TO THE COURT. THE COURT WILL IMPOUND IT.

22 THE INDICTMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ENDORSED AS A TRUE
23 BILL ARE PRESENTED EITHER TO ONE OF OUR MAGISTRATE JUDGES OR
24 TO A DISTRICT JUDGE IN OPEN COURT BY YOUR FOREPERSON AT THE
25 CONCLUSION OF EACH SESSION OF THE GRAND JURY. THIS IS THE

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1 PROCEDURE THAT YOU HEARD ME ALLUDE TO. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE
2 FOREPERSON, THE DEPUTY FOREPERSON SHALL PERFORM ALL THE
3 FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE FOREPERSON.

4 LET ME EMPHASIZE AGAIN IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR
5 THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE GRAND JURORS TO REALIZE THAT UNDER OUR
6 CONSTITUTION, THE GRAND JURY IS AN INDEPENDENT BODY. IT'S
7 INDEPENDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY. IT'S NOT AN ARM OR
8 AN AGENT OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OF THE DRUG
9 ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, THE IRS, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT
10 AGENCY CHARGED WITH PROSECUTING THE CRIME.

11 I USED THE CHARACTERIZATION EARLIER THAT YOU STAND
12 AS A BUFFER BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ACCUSE SOMEONE
13 OF A CRIME AND THEN PUTTING THAT PERSON THROUGH THE BURDEN OF
14 STANDING TRIAL. YOU ACT AS AN INDEPENDENT BODY OF CITIZENS.

15 IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN CRITICISM OF THE
16 INSTITUTION OF THE GRAND JURY. THE CRITICISM GENERALLY IS THE
17 GRAND JURY ACTS AS RUBBER STAMPS AND APPROVES PROSECUTIONS
18 THAT ARE BROUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT THOUGHT.

19 INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, IN MY DISCUSSION WITH
20 PROSPECTIVE GRAND JURORS, WE HAD ONE FELLOW WHO SAID, "YEAH,
21 THAT'S THE WAY I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE." WELL, THAT'S NOT THE
22 WAY IT IS. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, YOU WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH
23 GOVERNMENT LAWYERS. THE U.S. ATTORNEY AND THE ASSISTANT U.S.
24 ATTORNEYS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH IMPORTANT SERVICES AND HELP
25 YOU FIND YOUR WAY WHEN YOU'RE CONFRONTED WITH COMPLEX LEGAL

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1 MATTERS. IT'S ENTIRELY PROPER THAT YOU SHOULD RECEIVE THE
2 ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT LAWYERS.

3 BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE DECISION ABOUT
4 WHETHER A CASE GOES FORWARD AND AN INDICTMENT SHOULD BE
5 RETURNED IS YOURS AND YOURS ALONE. IF PAST EXPERIENCE IS ANY
6 INDICATION OF WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FUTURE, THEN YOU CAN
7 EXPECT THAT THE U.S. ATTORNEYS THAT WILL APPEAR IN FRONT OF
8 YOU WILL BE CANDID, THEY'LL BE HONEST, THAT THEY'LL ACT IN
9 GOOD FAITH IN ALL MATTERS PRESENTED TO YOU.

10 HOWEVER, AS I SAID, ULTIMATELY YOU HAVE TO DEPEND ON
11 YOUR INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT IN MAKING THE DECISION THAT YOU ARE
12 CHARGED WITH MAKING AS GRAND JURORS. YOU'RE NOT AN ARM OF THE
13 U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. YOU'RE NOT AN ARM OF ANY GOVERNMENT
14 AGENCY. THE GOVERNMENT'S LAWYERS ARE PROSECUTORS, AND YOU'RE
15 NOT.

16 IF THE FACTS SUGGEST TO YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NOT
17 INDICT, THEN YOU SHOULD NOT DO SO EVEN IN THE FACE OF
18 OPPOSITION OR STATEMENTS OR ARGUMENTS FROM ONE OF THE
19 ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS. YOU SHOULD NOT SURRENDER
20 AN HONESTLY OR CONSCIOUSLY HELD BELIEF WITHOUT THE WEIGHT OF
21 THE EVIDENCE AND SIMPLY DEFER TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY. THAT'S
22 YOUR DECISION TO MAKE.

23 JUST AS YOU MUST MAINTAIN YOUR INDEPENDENCE IN YOUR
24 DEALINGS WITH GOVERNMENT LAWYERS, YOUR DEALINGS WITH THE COURT
25 MUST BE ON A FORMAL BASIS, ALSO. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR

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1 THE COURT OR A DESIRE TO MAKE A PRESENTMENT OR A RETURN OF AN
2 INDICTMENT TO THE COURT, THEN YOU MAY CONTACT ME THROUGH MY
3 CLERK. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE COURTROOM OFTENTIMES
4 FOR THESE PURPOSES.

5 LET ME TELL YOU ALSO THAT EACH GRAND JUROR IS
6 DIRECTED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE COURT ANY ATTEMPT BY
7 ANYBODY UNDER ANY PRETENSE WHATSOEVER TO ADDRESS YOU OR
8 CONTACT YOU FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO GAIN INFORMATION
9 ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN FRONT OF THE GRAND JURY. THAT SHOULD
10 NOT HAPPEN. IF IT DOES HAPPEN, I SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THAT
11 IMMEDIATELY BY ANY OF YOU, COLLECTIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY. IF
12 ANY PERSON CONTACTS YOU OR ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE YOU IN ANY
13 MANNER IN CARRYING OUT YOUR DUTIES AS A GRAND JUROR, LET ME
14 KNOW ABOUT IT.

15 LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE OBLIGATION
16 OF SECRECY, WHICH I'VE MENTIONED AND ALLUDED TO. AS I TOLD
17 YOU BEFORE, THE HALLMARK OF THE GRAND JURY, PARTICULARLY OUR
18 FEDERAL GRAND JURY, IS THAT IT OPERATES SECRETLY. IT OPERATES
19 IN SECRECY, AND ITS PROCEEDINGS ARE ENTIRELY SECRET.

20 YOUR PROCEEDINGS AS GRAND JURORS ARE ALWAYS SECRET,
21 AND THEY MUST REMAIN SECRET PERMANENTLY UNLESS AND UNTIL THE
22 COURT DETERMINES OTHERWISE. YOU CAN'T RELATE TO YOUR FAMILY,
23 THE NEWS MEDIA, TELEVISION REPORTERS, OR TO ANYONE WHAT
24 HAPPENED IN FRONT OF THE GRAND JURY. IN FACT, TO DO SO IS TO
25 COMMIT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. YOU COULD BE HELD CRIMINALLY

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1 LIABLE FOR REVEALING WHAT OCCURRED IN FRONT OF THE GRAND JURY.

2 THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT REASONS WHY WE DEMAND
3 SECRECY IN THE INSTITUTION OF THE GRAND JURY. FIRST -- AND I
4 MENTIONED THIS, AND THIS IS OBVIOUS -- THE PREMATURE
5 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION THAT THE GRAND JURY IS ACTING ON
6 COULD VERY WELL FRUSTRATE THE ENDS OF JUSTICE IN PARTICULAR
7 CASES. IT MIGHT GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE WHO'S ACCUSED
8 OF A CRIME TO ESCAPE OR BECOME A FUGITIVE OR TO DESTROY
9 EVIDENCE THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE UNCOVERED LATER ON. YOU
10 DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.

11 IN THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION, IT'S ABSOLUTELY
12 IMPERATIVE THAT THE INVESTIGATION AND THE FACTS OF THE
13 INVESTIGATION REMAIN SECRET, AND YOU SHOULD KEEP THAT FOREMOST
14 IN YOUR MIND. ALSO, IF THE TESTIMONY OF A WITNESS IS
15 DISCLOSED, THE WITNESS MAY BE SUBJECT TO INTIMIDATION OR
16 SOMETIMES RETALIATION OR BODILY INJURY BEFORE THE WITNESS IS
17 ABLE TO TESTIFY. IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT --
18 IT'S SOMETIMES THE CASE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL TELL A
19 WITNESS WHO IS COOPERATING WITH AN INVESTIGATION THAT THEIR
20 SECRECY IS GUARANTEED. IT SOMETIMES TAKES THAT KIND OF
21 ASSURANCE FROM THE POLICE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS TO GET A
22 WITNESS TO TELL WHAT THEY KNOW. AND THAT GUARANTEE CAN ONLY
23 BE SECURED IF YOU MAINTAIN THE OBLIGATION OF SECRECY.

24 THE GRAND JURY IS FORBIDDEN BY LAW FROM DISCLOSING
25 ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE GRAND JURY PROCESS WHATSOEVER. IT'S

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1 ON THE BASIS SOMETIMES OF REPRESENTATIONS LIKE THAT RELUCTANT
2 WITNESSES DO COME FORWARD. AGAIN, IT UNDERSCORES THE
3 IMPORTANCE OF SECRECY.

4 AS I'VE ALSO MENTIONED, THE REQUIREMENT OF SECRECY
5 PROTECTS INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE COME UNDER
6 INVESTIGATION, BUT WHO ARE CLEARED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE GRAND
7 JURY. IT'S A TERRIBLE THING TO BE IMPROPERLY ACCUSED OF A
8 CRIME. IT'S LIKE A SCARLET LETTER THAT PEOPLE SOMETIMES WEAR
9 FOREVER. IT'S WORSE IF THE CRIME OR THE ACCUSATION NEVER
10 BECOMES FORMAL. JUST THE IDEA THAT SOMEONE IS UNDER
11 INVESTIGATION CAN HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THAT PERSON
12 OR HIS OR HER BUSINESS OR HIS OR HER FAMILY. THIS IS ANOTHER
13 IMPORTANT REASON WHY THE GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS MUST REMAIN
14 SECRET.

15 IN THE EYES OF SOME PEOPLE, INVESTIGATION BY THE
16 GRAND JURY ALONE CARRIES WITH IT THE STIGMA OR SUGGESTION OF
17 GUILT. SO GREAT INJURY CAN BE DONE TO A PERSON'S GOOD NAME
18 EVEN THOUGH ULTIMATELY YOU DECIDE THAT THERE'S NO EVIDENCE
19 SUPPORTING AN INDICTMENT OF THE PERSON.

20 TO ENSURE THE SECRECY OF THE GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS,
21 THE LAW PROVIDES THAT ONLY AUTHORIZED PEOPLE MAY BE IN THE
22 GRAND JURY ROOM WHILE EVIDENCE IS BEING PRESENTED. AS I'VE
23 MENTIONED TO YOU NOW SEVERAL TIMES, THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO MAY BE
24 PRESENT DURING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE GRAND JURY ARE THE GRAND
25 JURORS THEMSELVES, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY OR AN ASSISTANT

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1 WHO'S PRESENTING THE CASE, A WITNESS WHO IS THEN UNDER
2 EXAMINATION, A COURT REPORTER, AND AN INTERPRETER, IF
3 NECESSARY. ALL THE OTHERS EXCEPT THE GRAND JURORS GO OUT
4 DURING THE DELIBERATION AND VOTING.

5 YOU MAY DISCLOSE TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY WHO IS
6 ASSISTING THE GRAND JURY CERTAIN INFORMATION. AS I SAID, IF
7 YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, IF GRAND JURORS HAVE QUESTIONS THAT THEY
8 WANT ANSWERED, OBVIOUSLY THAT INFORMATION IS TO BE CONVEYED TO
9 THE U.S. ATTORNEY TO GET THE QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

10 BUT YOU SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE THE CONTEXT OF YOUR
11 DELIBERATIONS OR THE VOTE OF ANY PARTICULAR GRAND JUROR TO
12 ANYONE, EVEN THE GOVERNMENT LAWYERS, ONCE THE VOTE HAS BEEN
13 DONE. THAT'S ONLY THE BUSINESS OF THE GRAND JURY. IN OTHER
14 WORDS, YOU'RE NOT TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT LAWYER WHO VOTED
15 ONE WAY ON THE INDICTMENT AND WHO VOTED THE OTHER WAY.

16 LET ME CONCLUDE NOW -- I APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE,
17 AND IT'S BEEN A LONG SESSION THIS MORNING -- BY SAYING THAT
18 THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SERVICE YOU PERFORM IS DEMONSTRATED BY
19 THE VERY IMPORTANT AND COMPREHENSIVE OATH WHICH YOU TOOK A
20 SHORT WHILE AGO. IT'S AN OATH THAT IS ROOTED IN OUR HISTORY
21 AS A COUNTRY. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEFORE YOU HAVE TAKEN A
22 SIMILAR OATH. AND AS GOOD CITIZENS, YOU SHOULD BE PROUD TO
23 HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO ASSIST IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

24 IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. I WOULD BE
25 HAPPY TO SEE YOU IN THE FUTURE IF THE NEED ARISES. AT THIS

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1 POINT, THE U.S. ATTORNEY, MR. ROBINSON, WILL ASSIST YOU IN
2 FURTHER ORGANIZATION. SO THIS PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF
3 YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS GRAND JURORS INVOLVING THE COURT IS
4 OVER.

5 IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO TAKE A BREAK BEFORE WE GO
6 ON TO THE NEXT PROCEEDING. I'VE HELD THESE FOLKS FOR A LONG
7 TIME.

8 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET ALL
9 OF YOU. GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR GRAND JURY SERVICE. I THINK
10 YOU'LL FIND IT REWARDING AND INTERESTING AND COMPELLING.

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15 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE TESTIMONY
16 ADDUCED IN THE FOREGOING MATTER IS
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PROSPECTIVE JUROR: MY NAME IS [REDACTED].
I LIVE IN SAN DIEGO IN THE MISSION HILLS AREA. I'M RETIRED.
I WAS A CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER. I'M SINGLE. NO CHILDREN.
I'VE BEEN CALLED FOR JURY SERVICE A NUMBER OF TIMES, BUT I'VE
NEVER ACTUALLY BEEN SELECTED AS A JUROR. CAN I BE FAIR? I'LL
TRY. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE WORK THAT I DID, I HAVE
SOME FAIRLY STRONG OPINIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO COME
INTO THE LEGAL SYSTEM. BUT I WOULD TRY TO WORK WITH THAT.

THE COURT: WE'RE ALL PRODUCTS OF OUR EXPERIENCE.
WE'RE NOT GOING TO TRY TO DISABUSE YOU OF EXPERIENCES OR
JUDGMENTS THAT YOU HAVE. WHAT WE ASK IS THAT YOU NOT ALLOW
THOSE TO CONTROL INVARIABLY THE OUTCOME OF THE CASES COMING IN
FRONT OF YOU; THAT YOU LOOK AT THE CASES FRESH, YOU EVALUATE
THE CIRCUMSTANCES, LISTEN TO THE WITNESS TESTIMONY, AND THEN
MAKE AN INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT.

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO THAT?

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1 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: I'LL DO MY BEST..

2 THE COURT: IS THERE A CERTAIN CATEGORY OF CASE THAT
3 YOU THINK MIGHT BE TROUBLESOME FOR YOU TO SIT ON THAT YOU'D BE
4 INSTINCTIVELY TILTING ONE WAY IN FAVOR OF INDICTMENT OR THE
5 OTHER WAY AGAINST INDICTING JUST BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE
6 CASE?

7 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: WELL, I HAVE SOME FAIRLY STRONG
8 FEELINGS REGARDING DRUG CASES. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY
9 DRUGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL, AND I THINK WE'RE SPENDING
10 A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY PERSECUTING AND PROSECUTING CASES
11 WHERE RESOURCES SHOULD BE DIRECTED IN OTHER AREAS.

12 I ALSO HAVE STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT IMMIGRATION CASES.
13 AGAIN, I THINK WE'RE SPENDING A LOT OF TIME PERSECUTING PEOPLE
14 THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE.

15 THE COURT: WELL, LET ME TELL YOU, YOU'VE HIT ON THE
16 TWO TYPES OF CASES THAT ARE REALLY KIND OF THE STAPLE OF THE
17 WORK WE DO HERE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA. AS I
18 MENTIONED IN MY INITIAL REMARKS, OUR PROXIMITY TO THE BORDER
19 KIND OF MAKES US A FUNNEL FOR BOTH DRUG CASES AND IMMIGRATION
20 CASES. YOU'RE GOING TO BE HEARING THOSE CASES I CAN TELL YOU
21 FOR SURE. JUST AS DAY FOLLOWS NIGHT, YOU'RE HEAR CASES LIKE
22 THAT.

23 NOW, THE QUESTION IS CAN YOU FAIRLY EVALUATE THOSE
24 CASES? JUST AS THE DEFENDANT ULTIMATELY IS ENTITLED TO A FAIR
25 TRIAL AND THE PERSON THAT'S ACCUSED IS ENTITLED TO A FAIR

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1 APPRAISAL OF THE EVIDENCE OF THE CASE THAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU,
2 SO, TOO, IS THE UNITED STATES ENTITLED TO A FAIR JUDGMENT. IF
3 THERE'S PROBABLE CAUSE, THEN THE CASE SHOULD GO FORWARD. I
4 WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO SAY, "WELL, YEAH, THERE'S PROBABLE CAUSE.
5 BUT I STILL DON'T LIKE WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING. I
6 DISAGREE WITH THESE LAWS, SO I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR IT TO
7 GO FORWARD." IF THAT'S YOUR FRAME OF MIND, THEN PROBABLY YOU
8 SHOULDN'T SERVE. ONLY YOU CAN TELL ME THAT.

9 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: WELL, I THINK I MAY FALL IN THAT
10 CATEGORY.

11 THE COURT: IN THE LATTER CATEGORY?

12 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: YES.

13 THE COURT: WHERE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO
14 SUPPORT A CHARGE EVEN IF YOU THOUGHT THE EVIDENCE WARRANTED
15 IT?

16 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: YES.

17 THE COURT: I'M GOING TO EXCUSE YOU, THEN. I
18 APPRECIATE YOUR HONEST ANSWERS.
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14 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: MAY NAME IS [REDACTED] I
15 LIVE IN SAN DIEGO. I'M A REAL ESTATE AGENT. NOT MARRIED. NO
16 KIDS. HAVE NOT SERVED. AND AS FAR AS BEING FAIR, IT KIND OF
17 DEPENDS UPON WHAT THE CASE IS ABOUT BECAUSE THERE IS A
18 DISPARITY BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.

19 THE COURT: IN WHAT REGARD?

20 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: SPECIFICALLY, MEDICAL
21 MARIJUANA.

22 THE COURT: WELL, THOSE THINGS -- THE CONSEQUENCES
23 OF YOUR DETERMINATION SHOULDN'T CONCERN YOU IN THE SENSE THAT
24 PENALTIES OR PUNISHMENT, THINGS LIKE THAT -- WE TELL TRIAL
25 JURORS, OF COURSE, THAT THEY CANNOT CONSIDER THE PUNISHMENT OR

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1 THE CONSEQUENCE THAT CONGRESS HAS SET FOR THESE THINGS. WE'D
2 ASK YOU TO ALSO ABIDE BY THAT. WE WANT YOU TO MAKE A
3 BUSINESS-LIKE DECISION AND LOOK AT THE FACTS AND MAKE A
4 DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE WAS A PROBABLE CAUSE.

5 COULD YOU DO THAT? COULD YOU PUT ASIDE STRONG
6 PERSONAL FEELINGS YOU MAY HAVE?

7 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: IT DEPENDS. I HAVE A VERY
8 STRONG OPINION ON IT. WE LIVE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOT
9 FEDERAL CALIFORNIA. THAT'S HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT VERY STRONGLY.

10 THE COURT: WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW OFTEN MEDICAL
11 MARIJUANA USE CASES COME UP HERE. I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FEEL
12 FOR THAT. MY INSTINCT IS THEY PROBABLY DON'T ARISE VERY
13 OFTEN. BUT I SUPPOSE ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS WOULD BE IN A CASE
14 IMPLICATING MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA, YOU COULD RECUSE
15 YOURSELF FROM THAT CASE.

16 ARE YOU WILLING TO DO THAT?

17 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: SURE.

18 THE COURT: ALL OTHER CATEGORIES OF CASES YOU COULD
19 GIVE A FAIR, CONSCIENTIOUS JUDGMENT ON?

20 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: FOR THE MOST PART, BUT I ALSO
21 FEEL THAT DRUGS SHOULD BE LEGAL.

22 THE COURT: OUR LAWS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THAT. AND
23 AS YOU HEARD ME EXPLAIN TO [REDACTED], A LOT OF THE CASES
24 THAT COME THROUGH IN OUR COURT ARE DRUG CASES. YOU'LL BE
25 CALLED UPON TO EVALUATE THOSE CASES OBJECTIVELY AND THEN MAKE

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1 THE TWO DETERMINATIONS THAT I STARTED OFF EXPLAINING TO
2 [REDACTED] "DO I HAVE A REASONABLE BELIEF THAT A CRIME WAS
3 COMMITTED? WHETHER I AGREE WITH WHETHER IT OUGHT TO BE A
4 CRIME OR NOT, DO I BELIEVE THAT A CRIME WAS COMMITTED AND THAT
5 THE PERSON THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ASKING ME TO INDICT WAS
6 SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN THIS CRIME, EITHER COMMITTED IT OR HELPED
7 WITH IT?"

8 COULD YOU DO THAT IF YOU SIT AS A GRAND JUROR?

9 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: THE LAST JURY I WAS ASKED TO SIT
10 ON, I GOT EXCUSED BECAUSE OF THAT REASON.

11 THE COURT: YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T DO IT? YOUR
12 SENTIMENTS ARE SO STRONG THAT THEY WOULD IMPAIR YOUR
13 OBJECTIVITY ABOUT DRUG CASES?

14 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: I THINK RAPISTS AND MURDERERS
15 OUGHT TO GO TO JAIL, NOT PEOPLE USING DRUGS.

16 THE COURT: I THINK RAPISTS AND MURDERERS OUGHT TO
17 GO TO JAIL, TOO. IT'S NOT FOR ME AS A JUDGE TO SAY WHAT THE
18 LAW IS. WE ELECT LEGISLATORS TO DO THAT. WE'RE SORT OF AT
19 THE END OF THE PIPE ON THAT. WE'RE CHARGED WITH ENFORCING THE
20 LAWS THAT CONGRESS GIVES US.

21 I CAN TELL YOU SOMETIMES I DON'T AGREE WITH SOME OF
22 THE LEGAL DECISIONS THAT ARE INDICATED THAT I HAVE TO MAKE.
23 BUT MY ALTERNATIVE IS TO VOTE FOR SOMEONE DIFFERENT, VOTE FOR
24 SOMEONE THAT SUPPORTS THE POLICIES I SUPPORT AND GET THE LAW
25 CHANGED. IT'S NOT FOR ME TO SAY, "WELL, I DON'T LIKE IT. SO

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1 I'M NOT GOING TO FOLLOW IT HERE."

2 YOU'D HAVE A SIMILAR OBLIGATION AS A GRAND JUROR
3 EVEN THOUGH YOU MIGHT HAVE TO GRIT YOUR TEETH ON SOME CASES.
4 PHILOSOPHICALLY, IF YOU WERE A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, YOU'D VOTE
5 AGAINST, FOR EXAMPLE, CRIMINALIZING MARIJUANA. I DON'T KNOW
6 IF THAT'S IT, BUT YOU'D VOTE AGAINST CRIMINALIZING SOME DRUGS.

7 THAT'S NOT WHAT YOUR PREROGATIVE IS HERE. YOUR
8 PREROGATIVE INSTEAD IS TO ACT LIKE A JUDGE AND TO SAY, "ALL
9 RIGHT. THIS IS WHAT I'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH OBJECTIVELY. DOES
10 IT SEEM TO ME THAT A CRIME WAS COMMITTED? YES. DOES IT SEEM
11 TO ME THAT THIS PERSON'S INVOLVED? IT DOES." AND THEN YOUR
12 OBLIGATION, IF YOU FIND THOSE THINGS TO BE TRUE, WOULD BE TO
13 VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE CASE GOING FORWARD.

14 I CAN UNDERSTAND IF YOU TELL ME "LOOK, I GET ALL
15 THAT, BUT I JUST CAN'T DO IT OR I WOULDN'T DO IT." I DON'T
16 KNOW WHAT YOUR FRAME OF MIND IS. YOU HAVE TO TELL ME ABOUT
17 THAT.

18 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: I'M NOT COMFORTABLE WITH IT.

19 THE COURT: DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE INCLINED TO LET
20 PEOPLE GO ON DRUG CASES EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE CONVINCED THERE
21 WAS PROBABLE CAUSE THEY COMMITTED A DRUG OFFENSE?

22 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: IT WOULD DEPEND UPON THE CASE.

23 THE COURT: IS THERE A CHANCE THAT YOU WOULD DO
24 THAT?

25 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: YES.

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1 THE COURT: I APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWERS. I'LL EXCUSE
2 YOU AT THIS TIME.

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9 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: I'M [REDACTED]. I LIVE IN
10 ENCINITAS. I WORK FOR AN INSURANCE COMPANY HERE IN SAN DIEGO.
11 I'M MARRIED. MY WIFE IS A P.E. TEACHER AT A MIDDLE SCHOOL. I
12 HAVE TWO KIDS AGE 14 AND 16. I'VE BEEN A JUROR BEFORE
13 PROBABLY TEN YEARS AGO ON KIND OF A LOW-LEVEL CRIMINAL CASE.
14 AND IN THE NAME OF FULL DISCLOSURE, I'D PROBABLY SUGGEST I'D
15 BE THE FLIPSIDE OF SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CONVEYED
16 THEIR CONCERNS PREVIOUSLY. I HAVE A STRONG BIAS FOR THE U.S.
17 ATTORNEY, WHATEVER CASES THEY MIGHT BRING. I DON'T THINK
18 THEY'RE HERE TO WASTE OUR TIME, THE COURT'S TIME, THEIR OWN
19 TIME. I APPRECIATE THE EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS, I GUESS, MORE
20 OR LESS, AS A LAYPERSON WOULD; THAT THEY ARE CALLED UPON IN
21 ORDER TO BRING THESE CASES OR SEEK AN INDICTMENT.

22 AND THE GATEKEEPER ROLE THAT I GUESS WE'RE BEING
23 ASKED TO PLAY IS ONE THAT I'D HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME, IN ALL
24 HONESTY. I'M PROBABLY SUGGESTING THAT THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S
25 CASE WOULD BE ONE THAT I WOULD BE WILLING TO STAND IN FRONT

1 OF; IN OTHER WORDS, PREVENT FROM GOING TO A JURY.

2 THE COURT: IT SOMETIMES HAPPENS THAT AT THE TIME
3 THE CASE IS INITIALLY PRESENTED TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
4 THINGS APPEAR DIFFERENTLY THAN 10 DAYS LATER, 20 DAYS LATER
5 WHEN IT'S PRESENTED TO A GRAND JURY. THAT'S WHY THIS
6 GATEKEEPER ROLE IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT.

7 YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE PROSECUTING ARM. YOU'RE
8 INTENDED TO BE A BUFFER INDEPENDENT OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S
9 OFFICE. AND THE REAL ROLE OF THE GRAND JURY IS TO MAKE SURE
10 THAT UNSUBSTANTIATED CHARGES DON'T GO FORWARD.

11 YOU'VE HEARD MY GENERAL COMMENTS. YOU HAVE AN
12 APPRECIATION ABOUT HOW AN UNSUBSTANTIATED CHARGE COULD CAUSE
13 PROBLEMS FOR SOMEONE EVEN IF THEY'RE ULTIMATELY ACQUITTED.

14 YOU APPRECIATE THAT; RIGHT?

15 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: I THINK I COULD APPRECIATE THAT,
16 YES.

17 THE COURT: AND SO WE'RE -- LOOK, I'LL BE HONEST
18 WITH YOU. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE CHARGES THAT THE GRAND
19 JURY PASSES ON THAT ARE PRESENTED BY THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S
20 OFFICE DO GO FORWARD. MOST OF THE TIME, THE GRAND JURY PUTS
21 ITS SEAL OF APPROVAL ON THE INITIAL DECISION MADE BY THE U.S.
22 ATTORNEY.

23 OBVIOUSLY, I WOULD SCREEN SOMEBODY OUT WHO SAYS, "I
24 DON'T CARE ABOUT THE EVIDENCE. I'M NOT GOING TO PAY ATTENTION
25 TO THE EVIDENCE. IF THE U.S. ATTORNEY SAYS IT'S GOOD, I'M

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1 GOING TO GO WITH THAT." IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE THAT'S WHAT YOU
2 WERE SAYING. YOU WERE SAYING YOU GIVE A PRESUMPTION OF GOOD
3 FAITH TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY AND ASSUME, QUITE LOGICALLY, THAT
4 THEY'RE NOT ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF TRYING TO INDICT INNOCENT
5 PEOPLE OR PEOPLE THAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE INNOCENT OR THE
6 EVIDENCE DOESN'T SUBSTANTIATE THE CHARGES AGAINST. THAT'S
7 WELL AND GOOD.

8 YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE GRAND
9 JURY, YOU'RE THE ULTIMATE ARBITER. THEY DON'T HAVE THE
10 AUTHORITY TO HAVE A CASE GO FORWARD WITHOUT YOU AND FELLOW
11 GRAND JURORS' APPROVAL. I WOULD WANT YOU NOT TO JUST
12 AUTOMATICALLY DEFER TO THEM OR SURRENDER THE FUNCTION AND
13 GIVER THE INDICTMENT DECISION TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY. YOU HAVE
14 TO MAKE THAT INDEPENDENTLY.

15 YOU'RE WILLING TO DO THAT IF YOU'RE RETAINED HERE?

16 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: I'M NOT A PERSON THAT THINKS OF
17 ANYBODY IN THE BACK OF A POLICE CAR AS NECESSARILY GUILTY, AND
18 I WOULD DO MY BEST TO GO AHEAD AND BE OBJECTIVE. BUT AGAIN,
19 JUST IN THE NAME OF FULL DISCLOSURE, I FELT LIKE I SHOULD LET
20 YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE A VERY STRONG PRESUMPTION WITH RESPECT TO
21 ANY DEFENDANT THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT IN FRONT OF US.

22 THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. LET ME
23 TELL YOU THE PROCESS WILL WORK MECHANICALLY. THEY'RE GOING TO
24 CALL WITNESSES. AND WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO ASK YOU TO DO IS
25 EVALUATE THE TESTIMONY YOU HEAR FROM WITNESSES.

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1 BEFORE YOU REACH A POINT WHERE YOU VOTE ON ANY
2 INDICTMENT, THE U.S. ATTORNEY AND THE STENOGRAPHER LEAVE. THE
3 ONLY PEOPLE LEFT WHEN THE VOTE IS TAKEN ARE THE GRAND JURORS
4 THEMSELVES. THAT'S THE WAY THE PROCESS IS GOING TO WORK.

5 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SAY EITHER "WELL, IT HAS THE
6 RING OF TRUTH TO ME, AND I THINK IT HAPPENED THE WAY IT'S
7 BEING SUGGESTED HERE. AT LEAST I'M CONVINCED ENOUGH TO LET
8 THE CASE GO FORWARD" OR "THINGS JUST DON'T HAPPEN LIKE THAT IN
9 MY EXPERIENCE, AND I THINK THIS SOUNDS CRAZY TO ME. I WANT
10 EITHER MORE EVIDENCE OR I'M NOT CONVINCED BY WHAT'S BEEN
11 PRESENTED AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT GO FORWARD."

12 CAN YOU MAKE AN OBJECTIVE ON FACTS LIKE THE ONES
13 I'VE JUST DESCRIBED?

14 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: I WOULD DO MY BEST TO DO THAT.
15 I CERTAINLY WOULD WANT ME SITTING ON A GRAND JURY IF I WERE A
16 DEFENDANT COMING BEFORE THIS GRAND JURY. HAVING SAID THAT, I
17 WOULD DO MY BEST. I HAVE TO ADMIT TO A STRONG BIAS IN FAVOR
18 OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY THAT I'M NOT SURE I COULD OVERCOME.

19 THE COURT: ALL I'M TRYING TO GET AT IS WHETHER
20 YOU'RE GOING TO AUTOMATICALLY VOTE TO INDICT IRRESPECTIVE OF
21 THE FACTS.

22 A FEW YEARS AGO, I IMPANELED A FELLOW HERE THAT WAS
23 A SERGEANT ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND YEARS AGO WHEN I
24 WAS A PROSECUTOR, I WORKED WITH HIM. HE WAS ALL ABOUT
25 ARRESTING AND PROSECUTING PEOPLE. BUT WHEN HE GOT HERE, HE

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1 SAID, "LOOK, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A DIFFERENT FUNCTION.
2 I CAN PERFORM THAT FUNCTION." HE SERVED FAITHFULLY AND WELL
3 FOR A NUMBER OF -- OVER A YEAR, I THINK. 18 MONTHS, MAYBE.
4 HE EVENTUALLY GOT A PROMOTION, SO WE RELIEVED HIM FROM THE
5 GRAND JURY SERVICE.

6 BUT, YOU KNOW, HE TOOK OFF ONE HAT AND ONE UNIFORM
7 AND PUT ON A DIFFERENT HAT ON THE DAYS HE REPORTED TO THE
8 GRAND JURY. HE WAS A POLICEMAN. HE'D BEEN INVOLVED IN
9 PROSECUTING CASES. BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FUNCTION HE WAS
10 PERFORMING HERE WAS DIFFERENT, THAT IT REQUIRED HIM TO
11 INDEPENDENTLY AND OBJECTIVELY ANALYZE CASES AND ASSURED ME
12 THAT HE COULD DO THAT, THAT HE WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY VOTE TO
13 INDICT JUST BECAUSE THE U.S. ATTORNEY SAID SO.

14 AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO PUT WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH. BUT
15 I DON'T HEAR YOU SAYING THAT THAT'S THE EXTREME POSITION THAT
16 YOU HAVE. I HEAR YOU SAYING INSTEAD THAT COMMON SENSE AND
17 YOUR EXPERIENCE TELLS YOU THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S NOT GOING TO
18 WASTE TIME ON CASES THAT LACK MERIT. THE CONSCIENTIOUS PEOPLE
19 WHO WORK FOR THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AREN'T GOING TO TRY TO
20 TRUMP UP PHONY CHARGES AGAINST PEOPLE.

21 MY ANECDOTAL EXPERIENCE SUPPORTS THAT, TOO. THAT
22 DOESN'T MEAN THAT EVERY CASE THAT COMES IN FRONT OF ME I SAY,
23 "WELL, THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S ON THIS. THE PERSON MUST BE
24 GUILTY." I CAN'T DO THAT. I LOOK AT THE CASES STAND-ALONE,
25 INDEPENDENT, AND I EVALUATE THE FACTS. I DO WHAT I'M CHARGED

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1 WITH DOING, WHICH IS MAKING A DECISION BASED ON THE EVIDENCE
2 THAT'S PRESENTED.

3 SO THAT'S THE QUESTION I HAVE FOR YOU. I CAN
4 UNDERSTAND THE DEFERENCE TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY. AND FRANKLY, I
5 AGREE WITH THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE SAYING. THEY MAKE SENSE TO
6 ME. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOUR OBLIGATION IS STILL TO
7 LOOK AT THESE CASES INDEPENDENTLY AND FORM AN INDEPENDENT
8 CONSCIENTIOUS BUSINESS-LIKE JUDGMENT ON THE TWO QUESTIONS THAT
9 I'VE MENTIONED EARLIER: DO I HAVE A REASONABLE BELIEF THAT A
10 CRIME WAS COMMITTED? DO I HAVE A REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE
11 PERSON TO BE CHARGED COMMITTED IT OR HELPED COMMIT IT?

12 CAN YOU DO THAT?

13 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: AGAIN, I WOULD DO MY BEST TO DO
14 THAT. BUT I DO BRING A VERY, VERY STRONG BIAS. I BELIEVE
15 THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE U.S. ATTORNEY WOULD HAVE OTHER FACTS
16 THAT WOULD RISE TO LEVEL THAT THEY'D BE ABLE TO PRESENT TO US
17 THAT WOULD BEAR ON THE TRIAL. I WOULD LOOK AT THE CASE AND
18 PRESUME AND BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE OTHER FACTS OUT THERE THAT
19 AREN'T PRESENTED TO US THAT WOULD ALSO BEAR ON TAKING THE CASE
20 TO TRIAL. I'D HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT TIME.

21 THE COURT: YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT. WE
22 WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO SPECULATE THAT THERE'S OTHER FACTS THAT
23 HAVEN'T BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU. YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION
24 BASED ON WHAT'S BEEN PRESENTED.

25 BUT LOOK, I CAN TELL YOU I IMAGINE THERE'S PEOPLE IN

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1 THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT DISAGREE WITH ONE ANOTHER
2 ABOUT THE MERITORIOUSNESS OF A CASE OR WHETHER A CASE CAN BE
3 WON AT A JURY TRIAL.

4 IS THAT RIGHT, MR. ROBINSON?

5 MR. ROBINSON: ON OCCASION, YOUR HONOR. NOT VERY
6 OFTEN.

7 THE COURT: IT COMES UP EVEN IN AN OFFICE WITH
8 PEOPLE CHARGED WITH THE SAME FUNCTION. I DON'T WANT TO BEAT
9 YOU UP ON THIS, [REDACTED] I'M EQUALLY CONCERNED WITH
10 SOMEBODY WHO WOULD SAY, "I'M GOING TO AUTOMATICALLY DROP THE
11 TRAP DOOR ON ANYBODY THE U.S ATTORNEY ASKS." I WOULDN'T WANT
12 YOU TO DO THAT. IF YOU THINK THERE'S A POSSIBILITY YOU'LL DO
13 THAT, THEN I'D BE INCLINED TO EXCUSE YOU.

14 PROSPECTIVE JUROR: I THINK THAT THERE'S A
15 POSSIBILITY I WOULD BE INCLINED TO DO THAT.

16 THE COURT: I'M GOING TO EXCUSE YOU, THEN. THANK
17 YOU. I APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWERS.

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